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SUBJECT: LA NORINDR'S VIEW OF LAO FOREIGN MINISTER'S
RECEPTION IN MOSCOW

1. LAO AMBASSADOR TO THE USSR, LA NORINDR TOLD EMBOFF IN PARIS SEPTEMBER 27 THAT SOVIETS GAVE A COOL RECEPTION TO PHOUMI VONGVICHIT (HEAD OF LAO DELEGATION TO UNGA, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE LAO PATRIOTIC FRONT (LPF) AND CONSIDERED A RANKING MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF PEOPLE'S PARTY OF LAOS). PHOUMI WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY A VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HE WAS ESCORTED BY MERELY AN OFFICE DIRECTOR AND SAW A VERY LOW RANKING MEMBER OF THE CP USSR CENTRAL COMMITTEE. LA SAID THAT HE WAS OF THE IMPRESSION THAT THE USSR TOLD PHOUMI THAT THE LPF SHOULD NOT MAKE ANY TROUBLE WHICH WOULD UPSET THE SITUATION IN LAOS. IN ADDITION TO SUCH COUNSELS OF MODERATION, LA THOUGHT SOVIETS WERE COOL ABOUT DIRECT SUPPORT FOR THE LPF. LA ALSO THOUGHT SOVIETS HAD STRESSED GOOD RELATIONS WHICH THEY HAD WITH LA.

2. LA SAID THAT SOUVANNA HAD REQUESTED HIM TO REMAIN
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AS AMBASSADOR IN USSR FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD. HE

RETURNED TO MOSCOW FROM PARIS SEPTEMBER 29 TO GREET
PHOUMI ON HIS RETURN FROM UNGA.
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